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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – DEA Seizes 31 Pounds of Meth, 13 Pounds of Cocaine in Bay Area Investigations

(U) Drug Enforcement Administration agents investigating two narcotics trafficking rings in the Bay Area seized at least 31 pounds of meth and 13 pounds of cocaine that was coming up from Southern California. Five people were charged in connection with an alleged cocaine trafficking ring, and in another case, three were charged with distributing meth. In both cases, agents intercepted multi-pound shipments of drugs on their way to the Bay Area from the Los Angeles area.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [East Bay Times](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Cartel Kingpin Arrested over Murder of Mormon Family in Mexico

(U) Sonora – An alleged drug cartel boss has been arrested in connection with the massacre of a Mormon family in Mexico. The nine members of a Mormon family were in a convoy of 17 members of a US family who were ambushed as they drove to a wedding in the border state of Sonora. Personnel from the Office of the Special Prosecutor arrested the suspect, who is allegedly the leader of a cell of La Linea cartel in the northern province of Chihuahua. The suspect has been taken to Mexico City, where he will be formally charged.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [Newsweek](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Man Arrested after Attempting to Blow up Vehicle outside Police Station

(U) Denver – A man has been arrested after he was accused of trying to blow up a vehicle outside a Denver Police Station. Authorities advise the suspect pulled up outside the police station and fired a flare gun into a vehicle later found to be soaked in gasoline. The suspect was later found to have several felony convictions. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of reckless endangerment, attempted arson, and possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [NBC 9 News](#)

(U) Iowa – State Department of Transportation Website Hacked

(U) Des Moines – The Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) website has acknowledged that it is experiencing "technical difficulties" following a ransomware attack on its system. Officials stated that the data stored on the DOT's website does not appear to be affected, but the entire Iowa DOT website is down and will continue to be at limited capacity until next week. A chat feature has been enabled to answer any questions during normal business hours until the website is fully operational.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [KSCJ News](#)

(U) Nebraska – Man Arrested in Deadly Attack at Nebraska Sonic Restaurant

(U) Bellevue – Authorities arrested a 23-year-old man in an attack at a Nebraska fast food restaurant in which two employees were shot and killed, two were wounded and officers responding to a report of a

possible bomb inside a moving truck in the parking lot arrived to find the vehicle on fire. The suspect was arrested on scene and booked on suspicion of first-degree murder and first-degree arson. The attack came days after the suspect was arrested outside of the restaurant for purchasing food through someone else's app account.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [ABC News](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – County Computer System Hack Prompts Criminal Investigation

(U) Delaware County – A criminal investigation has been launched into the hacking of Delaware County Pennsylvania's government computer system. After discovering the disruption to portions of the computer network, the County of Delaware took certain systems offline and are working with computer forensic specialists to determine the nature and scope of the event. Officials did not say what has been affected, other than the branch does not involve emergency services and Bureau of Elections computer networks.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [ABC 6 News](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Federal Prosecutors Bring Charges against 15 Alleged Philadelphia Mobsters

(U) Philadelphia – Fifteen mobsters have been indicted on racketeering, extortion, gambling and drug trafficking charges according to an indictment unsealed by federal prosecutors in Philadelphia. Authorities advised the defendants wielded the reputation and influence of the mafia to command criminal activity in the city and beyond, stretching from Philadelphia to the Jersey Shore. The indictment, and the investigation that spawned it, represents the first time in several years that so many reputed mafia associates have been swept up for racketeering charges.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – ISIS Terrorist Arrested at Baghdad Airport by Military Intelligence Unit

(U) Baghdad – The Iraqi Army's Counter-Terrorism Service arrested a senior member of the Islamic State terror group upon his arrival at Baghdad International Airport. The arrested suspect, Abu Nabaa, was tracked by military intelligence until his arrival in Iraq. Nabaa is known for his terrorist activities since 2003 when he operated for several terrorist groups and rose to the position of general administrative coordinator. In recent months, suspected Islamic State militants have stepped up attacks in Iraq causing authorities to increase enforcement activities.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [Anadolu Agency](#)

(U) Morocco – Authorities Dismantle Terror Cell near Agadir

(U) Rabat – Morocco's Central Bureau of Judicial Investigations (BCIJ) dismantled a three-member terror cell that was active in the cities in Southern Morocco. The suspects have alleged ties to the Islamic State and were planning to execute terror operations throughout Morocco. Authorities seized firearms and materials used in the manufacture of explosive devices during the course of the investigation. The suspects are now in custody for further investigation. The operation is part of Morocco's approach against terrorism amid the increase of terror threats in the country.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [Morocco World News](#)

(U) Pakistan – Police Advise Officers Foil Police Station Attack

(U) Burki – Pakistan's counter-terrorism police advised they foiled a possible militant attack by killing a suspected would-be suicide bomber when he tried to sneak into a police station near the eastern city of Lahore. The suspected militant was killed in an exchange of gunfire after shooting at guards when told to halt at the premises of the police station in the village of Burki. The man was wearing an explosive

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vest and he had two grenades in his pockets. Militants who want the government to end its support to Washington in its war on terror and enforce Islamic laws in the country often target security forces in Pakistan.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [Gulf News](#)

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